

Statewide Interoperability Executive Committee (SIEC) Update

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Agenda

- Appointment of NIMS-Communications Unit (NIMS CU)
- AIRS MOU Requests from NGOs
- AIRS Narrowbanding
- Fire Mutual Aid Licensing & Statewide Usage
- AZ Priority Programming Guides
- Other Interoperability Updates
- Next SIEC Meeting – January 2011



Appointment of NIMS CU members

- The NIMS Communications Unit Workgroup (NIMS-CU) Policies and Procedures were approved by the SIEC on August 17, 2010
- At our October 19th SIEC meeting, the following 5 individuals were appointed to the NIMS-CU Workgroup:
 - Jesse Cooper, Communications/IT Project Manager, Phoenix Police Department
 - Jason Hatchett, Captain/Paramedic, Guardian Medical Transport
 - Michael Todd, Regional Interoperability Manager, PSIC Office
 - Dan Wills, Yavapai County Emergency Management
 - Mike Worrell, Captain, Phoenix Fire Department



AIRS MOU Requests from NGOs

- Arizona Department of Public Safety (DPS) asked the SIEC for policy recommendations regarding which Non-Governmental, Public Service and Secondary Responder Organizations should be permitted to enter into an MOU regarding use of Arizona Interagency Radio System (AIRS).
- Michael Britt, PSIC Project Manager presented an update regarding a draft policy recommendation being worked on by PSIC with input from DPS and others.
- After some detailed discussion, changes to the draft were recommended. The updated policy recommendation will be presented at the next SIEC meeting (January 2011) for approval.



AIRS Narrowbanding

- The Department of Public Safety (DPS) reported to the SIEC that it will begin Narrowbanding AIRS in July 2011. The schedule for when AIRS for each county will be narrowbanded is TBD.
- DPS also informed SIEC that early tests have shown that narrowbanded LMRs and base stations can operate using widebanded AIRS repeaters within tolerable limits of clarity and distance.
- DPS has therefore indicated that narrowbanding efforts by county and local agencies can proceed without having to synchronize schedules with DPS' narrowbanding of AIRS thereby saving time and inconvenience.



Fire Mutual Aid Licensing & Statewide Usage

- Historically, fire agencies in the State have been using VFIRE21 – 154.280 for Fire Mutual Aid
- It was recently discovered that while other mutual aid frequencies are licensed by rule, VFIRE21 – 154.280 is not. Therefore, many agencies in the State have been using the frequency unlicensed.
- Based on PSIC inquiries on how to bring AZ agencies in compliance, FCC and OEC proposed that DPS consider expanding its statewide license to cover all agency users statewide. This approach was favored by the Statewide Fire Mutual Aid Committee.
- FCC and OEC suggested that SIEC consider whether this could be accomplished through the existing MOU in place for AIRS. The current language in the AIRS MOU is quite broad.
- **Approved:** SIEC requested that DPS extend their license for VFIRE21 - 154.280 to cover users statewide.



AZ Priority Programming Guides

Approved request: The Priority Programming Guides (to accompany the Statewide Channels Plan (under development)) have been approved by the SIEC.

Changes to the AIRS SOP to reflect the programming changes have also been approved by the SIEC.

Supporting Information: More details were presented to PSCC by Michael Britt, PSIC Project Manager at today's meeting.



Other Interoperability Updates

Additional presentations at the October 19 SIEC meeting:

- Communication Asset Survey Mapping Tool (CASM) Project Update
- On the Road to Plain Language – Mesa, AZ

All presentations are available on the PSIC website:

<http://www.azgita.gov/psic>



Next SIEC Meeting

- January 2011 – Date to be announced; Location: ADOA, 100 N 15th Avenue - Conference Room 300 A-C
- Key Items for Discussion:
 - Approval Items:
 - » AIRS Policy for MOU Requests from NGOs
 - » Interoperable Channels Plan
 - Status Update: NECP Goal Two
 - Draft Statewide Outreach Plan for Comment
 - Updates: Mesa 700 MHz trunked update – Darrin Douglas; AIRS Flyaway Suite – ADEM, Morgan Hoaglin
 - SIEC Brainstorming for 2011

Questions?

Discussion

